

Grandparents suffer

The reason for writing is to try to get our married children to understand that the decisions they make not only affect themselves and their children, they also affect other family members.

The decision to divorce has the greatest negative effect on the family.

For grandparents of the children involved in the divorce, things will never be the same, especially if they are the parents of the son or daughter who does not have primary custody.

Imagine no more family picnics or outings with the grandchildren, no more taking them to games or other activities, no more birthday parties as a family, no more celebrating Christmas or any other holiday as a family, nor do you get to share the special moments they have.

It goes from bad to worse when the custodial parent brings a stranger into the children's lives. This stranger thinks he is the children's parent.

The make-believe family now takes over, and you are outside looking in. When we contacted the make-believe grandparents inquiring as to how the children were doing, their response was, "You don't need to worry about it, they are OK, and besides it's none of your business."

So what could be worse? Having this make-believe family and your grandchildren pack up and leave for another state without saying where they are going or if they are ever coming back.

I know married adults have the right to do what they want. If they choose to throw away their spouse and a marriage, that's up to them. However, leave the grandparents out of it, because all we want to be is grandparents.

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